

A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Thursday April 14, 2005, 8:30 A.M., at the Jamestown Police Department Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 A.M. by Chairman J. Peter McGuirl.

Members Present:

J. Peter McGuirl, Chairman

David Darlington, Vice Chairman

Richard P. Eannarino

Arthur H. Fletcher

Members Absent:

William Chuck Alves, R.I.D.O.T.

Invited Guests:

Kenneth M. Bianchi, Executive Director Paul Eckhart, Outgoing member

Peter M. Janaros, Director of Engineering Rebecca Romano, RITBA Intern

Marion J. Pierce, Director of Finance Tim Bliss, Legal Counsel

Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations Steve Clarke, Union Representative

Robert Moorehead, Chief of Maintenance

JoAnn Head, Executive Assistant

Item No. 2

Motion by David Darlington, seconded by Richard P. Eannarion, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2005 meeting.

Item No. 3

Motion by David Darlington, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to approve Tillinghast Light:

General Employment Matters	\$ 6,131.78
General Matters 2005	2,716.51
Total	\$ 8,848.29

Item No. 4

Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to ratify:

Aetna Bridge Co. Contract 03-3 Pell Bridge

Application No. 8 Revision #2	\$ 50,524.02
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Item No. 5

Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to ratify:

E.W. Audet & Sons, Inc. Contract 03-1

Mt. Hope Bridge

Application No. 10	\$ 104,500.00
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Item No. 6

Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to ratify: NES Traffic Safety – Bristol – Pell Bridge

Invoice No. S150012989	\$ 4,220.00
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Item No. 7

Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to ratify:

Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas

Pell Bridge - 2004 Bridge Security/Electrical Systems & Anchorage Drainage

Invoice No. RA257687	\$ 4,207.50
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Link Nut Repairs – 2/2/05	7,087.13
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Link Nut Repairs 11/19/04 & 12/15/04	13,143.55
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Total	\$ 24,438.18
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Item No. 8

Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to ratify:

Parsons Transportation Group, Inc.

Mt. Hope Bridge Engineering Services

Tower Rehabilitation

Invoice No. 05030313 \$ 70,999.69

2003 Inspection 35.77

Electrical Upgrade 13,259.63

Total \$ 84,295.09

Item No. 9

Peter M. Janaros, P.E., reported on the following status of outstanding engineering contracts:

I. Newport/Pell Bridge - Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas Design

05-2 Security/Electrical Upgrade

Construction Support Services/Inspection Services

03-2 On-Call maintenance of Deck by Aetna Bridge

03-4 Concrete Substructure Repairs by Aulson Co.

Inspection

Phased In-Depth Inspections plus Annual Inspection

On-Call Services

As needed

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II. Mt. Hope Bridge – Parsons Transportation Group

Design

05-3 Towers Rehabilitation and Painting

05-6 On-Call Maintenance

Construction Support Services/Inspection Services

03-1 Security/Electrical Upgrade by Audet

Inspection

2004 Annual Inspection Completed April 05

On-Call Services

As needed

Item No. 10

Becky Romano gave a report regarding the FY 2005 Competitive Training Grant Program concept paper that was submitted to the US Department of Homeland Security by RITBA. The grant provides funding for national training initiatives that “prepare the nation to prevent, deter, respond to and recover from incidents of terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction”. The concept paper was submitted by the April 8th, 2005 deadline and a full application with a detailed program narrative and budget will be submitted by May 16th, 2005, if chosen.

Item No. 11

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by David Darlington, passed unanimously to approve the proposed amended budget for fiscal year 2005, July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, as recommended by the Finance Sub-committee Chairman and Executive Director

Item No. 12

After a discussion the Chairman moved to approve the Proposed RITBA Preliminary Budget for FY 2006 – July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 at the monthly meeting on June 8, 2005.

Item No. 13

Motion by David Darlington, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to the caps on the Replacement & Renewal Fund to \$32,000,000 for FY 2006 Budget Appropriation.

The Chairman moved to discuss item number 14 and approve the establishment of a Chief Financial Officer immediately following the Executive Session.

Item No. 15

Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by David Darlington, passed unanimously to appoint Richard P. Eannarino and Arthur H. Fletcher as Trustees for the RITBA 401k pension plan. They will be replacing Paul Eckhart and Jo-Ann Head.

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Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to appoint David Darlington and J. Peter McGuirl to the Audit Committee.

Item No. 16

Motion by David Darlington, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to approve amending the date of the Annual Meeting from May 4, 2005 to May 11, 2005. The time of the meeting was amended from 2:00 P.M. to 8:30 A.M.

Item No. 17

Motion by David Darlington, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously the adoption of a Strategic Mission Statement. It has been recommended that an emphasis must be placed on maintaining an essential capital formation funding stream which insures the highest structural standards be maintained for these vital transportation infrastructure.

Item No. 18

Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by David Darlington, passed unanimously to approve the 29th Annual Citizens Bank Save the Bay Swim on Saturday July 30, 2005. After a brief discussion the Chairman asked that guidelines be structured for events to be held on RITBA property.

Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by David Darlington, passed unanimously to go into Executive Session at 9:50 A.M.

Motion by David Darlington, seconded by J. Peter McGuirl, passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 10:17 A.M.

Item No. 14

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by David Darlington, passed unanimously to establish the position of Chief Financial Officer. The Chairman appointed a CFO Selection Committee of himself, David Darlington and the Executive Director Kenneth M. Bianchi.

Motion by David Darlington, seconded by J. Peter McGuirl, passed unanimously to approve the retirement of Marion J. Pierce effective Tuesday, May 31, 2005. The Board of Directors expressed gratitude for exemplary service to the Authority by Ms. Pierce for over 39 years of faithful service. The Board has agreed to engage Ms. Pierce through consulting services during Audit completion in Fiscal Year 2005 and provide assistance to the Chief Financial Officer during the transitional period. Arthur Fletcher abstained from voting as this was his first meeting as a RITBA Board member.

Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by David Darlington passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Kenneth M. Bianchi
Secretary